

Pebbles Education Newsletter

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Our young people achieved so much last term, both inside and outside of the classroom. We are proud to share some highlights of these achievements, from both our Dunfermline and Muirkirk schools, with you in our latest edition of the Education Newsletter.



Glenn Gibson

Head of Education

New Ways of Learning

Our team at Muirkirk have been using different approaches and mathematics aids to help our young people better understand new ideas.

An example of this is one of our pupils has been learning Place Value (Tens and Units). The place value blocks help to visualise the 'borrowing' element using conversion between tens and units. Also, in use is the number line strategy to help with subtraction.

Our pupil said: "My previous school never showed how to do this like that, this is easier now and I like doing this."

Collaborative Artwork

This term during Therapeutic Intervention on Thursday afternoons, pupils, care staff, and education staff at Muirkirk have been working hard to create a collaborative artwork.

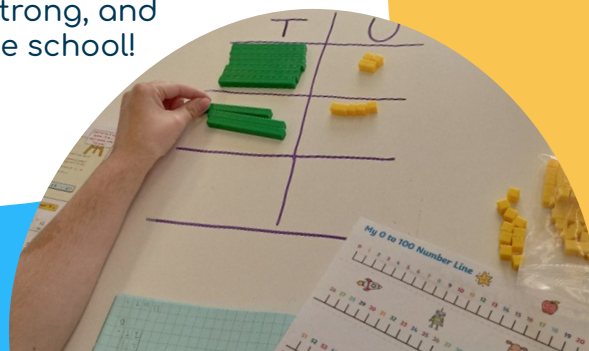
The purpose of the task was for pupils to rescale a picture (each given a small square to rescale on a canvas). The lion was selected to remind pupils they are brave, strong and have a voice.

This is now displayed in the reception area so everyone can feel brave, strong, and confident when they enter the school!

First Aid Qualifications

Our senior pupils across both our schools had the opportunity to complete a First Aid Qualification, gaining them a Level 6 qualification.

All the pupils who took part did a fantastic job listening to the presentation and taking part in the practical activities. We are delighted to share that every pupil (and staff member) who took part passed with flying colours!



Working Towards Our Green Flag Award

Our young people at Dunfermline have started working towards gaining the Green Flag Award through Eco Schools - Keep Scotland Beautiful.

One of our young people has volunteered to become our Eco Schools representative and has worked hard to carry out an environmental review and begin to put together a plan for earning our Green Flag.

Activities so far have included recycling across the school, litter picking and making the garden an inviting place for people and wildlife.



Technologies

The elective Technologies students at Muirkirk have been working hard to showcase their skills in using a variety of hand and machine tools in the Design Technologies workshop. By the end of this term, they will have completed their first project making their own Noughts and Crosses boardgame.

Outdoor Education

The young People from Muirkirk recently had an outing to Craudfurdland Estate, where they took part in treetop trials, crossing a variety of obstacles and zip slides through the forest canopy.

They then took part in archery, having a competition to see who could get closest to the bullseye. And finally took part in team building games with the staff.



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